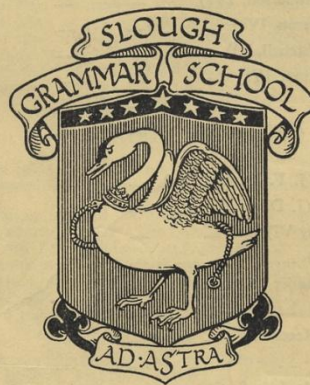


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EDITORIAL

This will be a very short Editorial. We have an excellent excuse. Paper is no more plentiful than it was before victory, and printing expenses are no smaller. Much good material has been submitted to *The Swan* during the past year, and there is not space for it all. The Editor, therefore, gratefully confines himself to thanking those who have helped to write the present issue—may they continue to help in future years—with a special word of appreciation for those who have undertaken the rather unrewarding work of compiling accurate and detailed sports records. We add a final note of gratitude to boys whose efforts have had to be excluded, very reluctantly, for the sole reason that there is not enough space for them in our still drastically compressed magazine.

SCHOOL NOTES

The number on roll is now stabilised at about 500. Accommodation remains a difficulty and it is doubtful if this can be eased for some considerable time.

The new Education Act will not greatly affect the organisation and curriculum of the Secondary Grammar Schools. The standards that have been established during the past 40 years will be maintained, and preparation for public and university examinations will continue. The chief change is in regard to admissions. Fees are abolished, and travelling allowances will be paid to all pupils who reside more than 2½ miles from the school. To qualify for admission ALL candidates must pass the entrance examination conducted by the Local Education Authority in March of each year.

During the last summer holiday the school sustained a severe loss in the death of Alderman E. T. Bowyer, who for a number of years had been Vice-Chairman of the Governors. Mr. Bowyer had taken a very keen and active interest in the school ever since his elder son entered it as a pupil in 1912. He was a most regular attendant at Governors' Meetings and the various annual school functions, and was a generous donor to prize funds. He will be very greatly missed, and we tender our deepest sympathy to his widow and two sons.

Examination results have again been good. Five candidates passed the H.S.C. examination. J. H. Armstrong gained Distinction in Chemistry and was awarded a County Major Scholarship of £100 a year to enable him to study Medicine at St. George's Hospital, London. D. J. Dewar was selected for a University Short Course for the Royal Navy. Sixty-four candidates gained School Certificates. Of these, 25 qualified for exemption from London Matriculation. County Intermediate Scholarships were awarded to W. E. H. Culling, D. Morgan, R. J. Ohlson and P. D. Scott.

G. P. T. Crannigan joined the Royal Marines in September 1944. Before the end of November he was in action off the coast of Holland.

Changes among the temporary members of the Staff have been numerous during the year, but the general smooth running of the school has not been greatly affected thereby.

In February, Mr. Reeves broadcast to schools in the series, "Senior English for Schools." Mr. Vincent Evans has been appointed Chief Examiner in Art to the Central Welsh Examination Board.

Members of the National Savings group continue to subscribe regularly. The total for the year ending 31st March, 1945, was £3,144/16/10. This brings the grand total since the group was started to £18,358/2/2. Mr. Jones, the secretary, hopes to see the latter figure raised to £20,000 by the end of the present term.

The casualty list, unfortunately, continues to grow. We tender our deepest sympathy to the relatives of the undermentioned Old Boys whose loss in the war has been notified since the issue of the last magazine:-

William H. Hoskins (1929-31), F/Officer, R.A.F., killed over N. Africa, June 1944.

Cyril W. Cornish (1937-40), A.B., Royal Navy, killed by flying bomb near London, September 1944.

Wilfred G. Good (1925-29), Capt., R.A., killed in action in France, Sept. 1944.

Frederick W. Bright (1924-29), Cpl., R.A.S.C., killed in action in Italy, October 1944.

Kenneth, A. P. Monfries (1936-38), Lieut., Scots Guards, missing in Italy, November 1944.

John S. Devereux (1929-33), P/Officer, R.A.F., killed in flying accident, Egypt, November 1944.

Rupert T. W. Harwood (1926-30), F/Officer, R.A.F., missing from air operations over Germany, July 1944.

Richard P. F. Branton (1928-29), S.Q.M.S., 3rd Carabiniers, killed in action in Burma, April 1944.

Denys J. Symons (1929-32), Capt., K.R.R.C., killed in action in Greece, January 1945.

Gordon L. Chapman (1930-35), F/Lt., R.A.F., killed in air operations over Germany, January 1945.

Tom U. Williamson (1937-39), F/Lt., R.A.F., killed in flying accident near Trowbridge, January 1945.

George P. Alexandra (1934-39), F/Lt., R.A.F., missing from air operations over Germany, February 1945.

David C. F. McCrae (1928-33), F/Sgt., R.A.F., missing, presumed killed, January 1945.

Clifford A. Chew, A.F.C. (1928-33), F/Lt., R.A.F., killed during operational flight over Germany, March 1945.

Ivor K. Morgan (1936-42), Pte., S. Wales Borderers, killed in action, Germany, April 1945.

John S. Robinson (1936-41), Sapper, R.E., killed in action, Germany, April 1945.

Benjamin C. Winsor (1935-38), F/Sgt., R.A.F., killed in plane crash on returning from operational flight, April 1945.

Honours have been awarded to:-

Charles E. Dowse (1930-35), Capt., R.E., awarded M.C. for gallantry at the relief of Kohima, Burma, May 1944. He was wounded during the action.

Ypres R. W. Lovegrove (1926-30), F/Lt., R.A.F., mentioned in despatches, June 1944, and awarded D.F.C., August 1944, for coolness and good judgment which contributed materially to the success of many operations.

Clifford A. Chew (1928-33), F/Lt., R.A.F., awarded A.F.C. for skill and bravery in bringing a night-flying aircraft which caught fire safely to ground, thus enabling the whole crew to jump clear without injury.

Graham E. Dyer (1932-37), Sgt., R.A.M.C., awarded M.M. for outstanding devotion to duty during Normandy campaign, July 1944.

John E. Hughes (1936-41), Sgt.-Navigator, R.A.F., awarded D.F.M. for skill and devotion to duty on numerous operational flights, October 1944.

Norman A. Boycott (1932-38), P/Officer, R.A.F., awarded D.F.C. for the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations, December 1944.

William T. G. Gabriel (1923-28), P/Officer, R.A.F., received an Immediate award of the D.F.C. for skill and fortitude during air operations in January 1945. He had previously been mentioned in dispatches.

Roland K. C. Giddings (1928-33), Lieut., R.A. (A.A.), awarded M.C. for conspicuous gallantry in Italy, May 1945.

Dates of forthcoming events:-

June 25.—Annual Athletic Sports.

June 27.—Annual Gymnastic Display.

June 29.—Cadet Inspection.

July 19.—Swimming Sports.

July 25.—Staff Cricket Match.

Sept. 11.—Autumn Term begins.

Dec. 19.—Autumn Term ends.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of "The Windsorian."

SPEECH DAY 1944

Speech Day was held at the Grammar School on December 13th, 1944. The Prizes and Certificates were graciously presented by the Mayoress of Slough, Mrs. A. E. Ward, and the Speech Day address was given by the Mayor, Alderman Ward. Details of the musical programme, arranged by Miss Smith, are given on another page.

In his annual report on the progress of the School, the Headmaster expressed the hope that this would be the last of our war-time Speech Days, and that in future it would be possible once more to invite all parents to the ceremony. Mr. Clarke went on to refer to the transfer of promising boys from Senior Schools under the McNair scheme, and to the increased strain on our already overburdened accommodation. The work and games of the preceding year were next passed in review, and the activities of the Cadet Corps were described, with special reference to the valuable work of Captain Wignall, whose departure would be keenly felt. The Headmaster also referred to the attractive gymnastics display organised by Mr. Luck in the Summer Term, and to the many other activities, sporting and artistic, which had continued to contribute to the life of the School.

Alderman A. E. Ward, the Mayor of Slough, spoke of the growing importance of local affairs and of the spirit of sacrifice which animated those who gave of their time and energy to the furtherance of public welfare. He urged the School to emulate this spirit and to cultivate an interest in local life which should later lead to active participation.

The list of prize-winners and certificate-holders is as follows:-

Form IIc.—Ashworth, A. (Prize); Sexton, J. T., Ansdell, K. F. (Certificates).

Form IId.—Keeping, J. W. (Prize); Woodley, B. E., Dyer, E. (Certificates).

Form IIa.—Jewell, D. E. (Prize); Brecknell, D. J., Bargent, D. W. (Certificates).

Form IIc.—Akers, A. D. (Prize); Bailey, W. F., Walkor, W. (Certificates).

Form IIId.—Mayfield, A. I. (Prize); Sullivan, J. L., Pearce, C. A. (Certificates).

Form IIIa.—Stevens, R. (Prize); Nottley, P. S., Lake, A. J. (Certificates).

Form IVc.—Buckland, E. L. (Prize); Newbury, A. E., Rollins, D. J. (Certificates).

Form IVb.—Morgan, H. E. (Prize); Smart, E. R., Blunden, A. G. (Certificates).

Form IVa.—Hunt, J. W., Madelin, M. F. (Prizes); Mason, K. R., Raymond, P. H. (Certificates).

Form Lower Vb.—Dutfield, H. G. (Prize); Fowler, H. L., Field, D. L. (Certificates).

Form Lower Va.—Butler, L. M. (Prize); Pearce, E. A., Allen, R. S. (Certificates).

UPPER FIFTH FORMS.

Oxford School Certificate with Matriculation.

Prizes.—Hill, E. J. (presented by the Vice-Provost of Eton), Morgan, D. T. G. (presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.), Ross, D. J. (presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.).

Certificates.—Braun, E., Bridges, D. F. W., Christie, R., Crowther, M., Culling, W. E. H., Frances, J. J., Dawes, T., Dimond, F. D., Finn, P. A., Hallifax, J. C. B., Hill, W., Lowe, J. G., Ohlson, R. J., Scott, P. D., Sharp, R., White, D. A., White, M. A., Williams, P. J., Witchell, A., Basden, M. A., Brettell, R. O., Elliott, D., Thwaite, W. L.

Oxford School Certificates.—Cann, L. J., Comber, J. R., Coomes, T. J., Cowlshaw, J. F. R., Creak, A. G., Crevald, R. D., Egelstaff, D. W., Hurn, R., Bligh, J. L. D., Cameron, D. C., Edmunds, G. E., Farmer, E. E. L., Gowing, W. S., Green, R. W., Hall, R. D., January, B. R., Lucas, G. H., May, P. B., Rose, A. D., Short, F. D., Sims, E. W., Smith, J. Q., Tubey, L. M., Tyers, L., White, J. A. W., Barnett, G., Clayton, T. W., Clements, D., Evans, J. D., Hall, W., Hammans, G. D., Head, A., Sendell, F. A., Shaw, G. A., Steinberg, W., Vincent, M. J.

FORM VI.

Oxford Higher School Certificates.

Prizes.—Armstrong, J. H. (presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.). Awarded County Major Scholarship of £100 p.a. for 3 years—Smith, W. H. (presented by the Headmaster).

Certificates.—Bennett, P. G., Cummins, D. S., Dewar, D. J.
Music Prize.—Blunden, A. G. (presented by L. W. Piner, Esq.).

The "Scott" Prize (Geographical Essay).—Neufeld, H.

The "Ford" Cup (for outstanding Voluntary Service to the School).—Tyers, L. W.

The "Kemsley" Prizes for Empire Knowledge.—Junior Forms: C. S. Rothwell, H. D. Salmon, A. J. Lake, D. W. Sargent. S.C. Forms: P. Finn, R. Sharp.
Sixth Form: F. C. Mousley.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AWARDS.

Intermediate Certificates.—Lee, E. E., Pearce, D. H.

Intermediate Certificates and Bronze Medallions.—Bruun, H., Burnand, R. A., Fowler, H. L., Hall, R. D., Neufeld, H., Rees, J. R., Sendell, F. A., Thwaite, W. L., Tilley, J., White, D. A.

Bronze Medallion.—Ford, M. A.

Bar to Bronze Medallion.—Marler, P. R., Scott, P. D.

ARMY CADET FORCE.

War Certificate "A"—C.S.M. Severn, B., Sgt. Clayton, T. W., Sgt. Rose, A. D., Sgt. Cummins, D. S., Cpl. Green, D., Cpl. Ridgway, E. A., Cpl. Allen, F. W., L/Cpl. Cameron, D. C., L/Cpl. Birt, D. J.

CADET CORPS

In August 1944, Captain Wignall, who had been second-in-command since September 1940, left the Corps. All who knew him will be aware of the great enthusiasm and energy that he brought to the Corps and will wish him every success in his present post. Our best wishes are also extended to 2nd-Lieut. Collins, who left in April.

Throughout the year the strength of the Company has been about 100, of whom about 20 have been under 14 years of age. Training for War Certificate "A" has continued steadily; 14 Cadets have gained Part 2, and 16 Part 1. Over 50 Cadets attended the Battalion Camp at St. John's Wood, near High Wycombe, during the summer holidays. An interesting training programme, with the addition of a Tank Circus, a demonstration by a detachment of R.E.M.E., a Sports Meeting, and excellent weather, combined to make the camp a great success. This year the Company hopes to attend the Battalion Camp at Southwold, on the east coast, and about 50 Cadets have signified their desire to attend.

A number of Cadets have attended Command P.T. Courses at Slough, Colchester and Aldershot. C.S.M. White and Sgt. Ison qualified to wear Crossed Swords and every Cadet received a very satisfactory report. Signalling classes have been well attended and 3 Cadets were selected to attend a Signalling Course at Hitchin.

The Corps has done very well in Rifle Competitions during the year. The "Daily Mail" Certificate was won by Cadet McGill, with a score of 83 (runner-up, Sgt. Ison, with 78); the "R. E. Bell" Certificate was won by Sgt. Clayton, with a score of 92 (runner up, C.S.M. White, with 91); and our team won the Goodman Cup, with a score of 1,251 out of a possible 1,500. In the above competitions, the Corps was shooting against teams entered by other companies in the Battalion.

We entered teams for the Battalion Cross-country Race, Cpl. R. E. Hurn being first man home in the senior age group and Cadet D. Werrell in the intermediate group. A Field Day was organised by Under-Officer Severn and senior N.C.O.s during the half-term holiday in the Autumn and Spring terms, about 50 Cadets taking part on each occasion. A detachment of the Corps took part in the recent Youth Week Rally at the cricket ground, when they were inspected by H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth. Under-Officer B. Severn commanded the demonstration Battle Platoon on this occasion.

At the end of the term several senior Cadets will be leaving and there will be about 30 vacancies in the Corps. Any boys who are over 13½ years of age and who wish to join the Corps should apply to Lieut. R. J. Vivash for an enrolment form.

The following Cadets have obtained Part II, War Certificate "A" during the year:-

C.S.M. White, D. A., C.Q.M.S. Cameron, D.C., Sgt. Cummins, D. S., Sgt. Ridgway, E. A., Sgt. Ison, R. E., Sgt. Green, D., Cpl. Allen, F. W., Cpl. Gaventa, C. D., Cpl. Hurn, R. E., Cpl. Finn, P. A., Cpl. Thwaite, K. R., Cpl. Watts, W. L., L/Cpl. Birt, D. J., L/Cpl. Goulding, R. G.

The following have passed Part I (Individual), War Certificate "A" during the year:-

Cadets Allen, S., Ayres, H. L. L., Berryman, R. J., Dollery, J. F., Eustance, R. G., Ford, M. A., Pilditch, J. G. C., Price, V. G., Rolls, J. R., Rule, J. F., Sawyer, A. B., Spouse, A. S., Wardall, V. L., Werrell, D. G., Williamson, R., Young, G. A.

Passed Part I, Military Section only:-

Cadets Bruun, H. S., Hook, D. N. T., Cooper, D. C.

A VISIT TO THE LAKES

During the Easter recess, five Sixth-formers, with three members of Staff, spent an enjoyable week climbing in the Lake District, being ably led by Mr. Purvis.

The party stayed at Rosthwaite in Borrowdale, a few miles south of Derwentwater.

Arriving on April 9th, we soon scaled our first "mountain," a low peak known as Castle Crag, and forming with its opposite, Brund Fell, the "Jaws of Borrowdale," a narrow gorge through which runs the river Derwent. From here we had an excellent view of several of the higher peaks, Scawfell, Gable, Skiddaw and Blencathra. In the afternoon we ascended Brund Fell for a view of Watendlath tarn and Helvellyn, the latter's distance rendering a journey there impracticable.

On Tuesday we followed Sty Head Gill, one of the Derwent's tributaries, back to its source, the Sty Head tarn, whence we scrambled up the massive Great Gable (2,949 ft.), reaching the summit in time for lunch. Despite the smooth appearance these mountains have in photographs, they are in reality capped with masses of slate and grit, broken into numerous fragments.

On Wednesday afternoon, three of us visited the now disused "Wad" or Plumbago mines, where the graphite which formed the basis of the local pencil-making industry was obtained.

We visited a local worthy on the Thursday, and inspected his large collection of birds' eggs, amounting to more than 2,000. He later led the party on an expedition to Doves Nest Crag, a natural chimney inside the rock face caused by faulting. Here we were introduced to some real climbing, ascending the fissure by means of a rope and the uncertain light of a few candles.

The climax came on Friday, a long trip totalling over 20 miles. We first ascended to the Scawfell range, scaled Scawfell, and moved thence to Scawfell Pike (3,210 ft.), the highest point in England. The trip was rather uneventful until we neared the top, when it was necessary to scramble up several scree, fans of rock debris extending down the side of the mountain. Marvellous views were obtained of all the surrounding mountains, the coast at Whitehaven being clearly visible. During the journey from Scawfell to the Pike, we were introduced by Mr. Purvis to the sport of scree-sliding.

This consisted of digging one's heels into the loose rock and sliding down. The day was very hot and on our return we stopped at the famous village of Seathwaite and gratefully drank much scalding tea.

On the Sunday we walked over to Watendlath, a tiny settlement on the edge of the tarn of the same name, and had a sumptuous tea in one of the two farmhouses which constitute the place, the scene of several of Hugh Walpole's best-known novels.

We returned on the Monday.

Thus ended a marvellous week, in which we were all introduced to mountain scenery by Mr. Purvis, who acted as Guide, Philosopher and Friend, and without whose experience we would have been sadly handicapped.

BRIAN ALLT, FRANK C. MOUSLEY.

THE SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Society has carried on its activities during the year. A meeting of the members elected W. H. Smith as chairman, with Mr. J. M. Reeves as assistant, H. Neufeld as secretary and B. Jackson as committee member. The committee was changed a few months later, however, on the resignation of W. H. Smith, H. Neufeld moving into the chair, M. J. Waghorn becoming secretary and P. R. Marler and D. White becoming committee members. Mr. Reeves remained assistant chairman.

During the year, nine meetings have been held at different schools in the district. The subjects for discussion were roughly of two classes—those which were based on international problems caused by the war, such as "The Post-war Reconstruction of Europe," "The Dumbarton Oaks Proposals," and "What shall we do with Germany?"—and those which dealt with matters more particularly associated with our own country, such as "Should Men and Women have Equal Status?" and "Is the British Empire Justified?" Towards the end of the year, a new system of discussion was successfully introduced, where several minor questions were debated at one session. This added variety to the proceedings. Most of these meetings were well attended.

Besides the meetings, members of the Society also attended two important conferences. The first one, held at the Central Hall, Westminster, was entitled "The Battle of Peace." Speakers included the Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, M.P., the Rt. Hon. Earl of Lytton, K.G., G.C.S.I., Dr. Gilbert Murray, O.M., Mr. A. Creech-Jones, M.P., Mr. John Morris, and Professor Sir Charles Reilly, F.R.I.B.A. Representatives of some 400 schools attended. At the beginning of February, a conference for sixth-formers was held at Slough High School. The programme included lectures by Mr. D. E. Cooke, M.A., Mr. E. M. Rice, F.R.I.B.A., and Miss Ruth Harrison. Both these conferences were enjoyed.

A very successful social was held on the 5th of December at Windsor County Boys' School.

M. J. W.

DAYBREAK

As dawn breaks o'er yon misty hills
The stars are lost in thin blue air,
The silhouettes of great windmills
Stand out against the orange glare.

The air is cold above the trees
And everything is silent yet,
The flowers sway beneath the breeze,
With dew their petals still are wet.

Over the broad hill creeps a beam,
The early plough reflects its rays,
The ceaseless rippling of a stream
Is heard through quiet meadow ways.

R. GOODSALL.



B. FIELD.

THE WHITE COTTAGE



THE DRAMA GROUP

Once again the Drama Group has to report good progress. During the year many plays were read with a view to production and at last work was begun on a period play, "Wanted, Mr. Stuart." As may be surmised from the title, the play deals with Cromwellian times and, in order to capture the necessary effects, many props. and costumes had to be made by the actors themselves. The play was entered for the local Musical and Dramatic Festival and once again won the All Boys Section and the Shield that is annually awarded therewith.

We have been unfortunate in losing Tyers this term, and Barnett, the last of the original members, is leaving this summer. It is hoped that many new members will step in to take their places and help achieve the group's ambition, which is to stage a full-length play.

G. B.



CARP FISHING

The mists of early morn
Still mingle with the shades of night
As the angler steals up to the bank.

He sets the bait,
Casts out the line,
And creeps quietly away
To smoke and meditate.

The day passes with no sound
Save the hum of the insects
And the splash of the carp.

The evening shadows mingle with the mists,
And the angler sits, still meditating.
The reel spins with sudden click;
The angler lifts his rod and strikes!
Here is an almighty pull!

A sudden jar—the line goes slack,
The carp is free . . . Heigh-ho!

D. ANDERSON.

ORDEAL OF A HERO

Again that groan! The Hero stiffened against the wall, and his hair stood on end. How he wished the unyielding stone would melt, so that he could exchange the noisy silence of this ancient mansion for the comparative friendliness of the cold moonlight.

The truth is that the Hero was not quite living up to his name. He had entered the haunted house—or “Elcaert,” to quote the faded Arabic inscription over the gate—only after a mighty battle with his reason. He had asked himself if he should forget the wager with the publican and return home. It was now a different house: bathed in sunlight, it had been a turreted stone edifice with picturesque latticed windows and quaint crooked chimneys. In the moonlight he saw bright windows, as if every room in the house were lit. “Eyes can play strange tricks,” was his explanation. The chimneys were vague sentinels, surveying the nocturnal invader with quiet hatred. Owls and bats, regular inmates of the orthodox rendezvous of spirits, were entirely absent; nor did the huge gate creak as it gave way under his quavering touch. His last hope of a defeated yet dauntless return home was dashed: the door was not locked. Then the Hero did a brave thing; he walked straight into the house. He was in a hall—a hall where time was forgotten. Dust had settled on the stone floors and along the panelled walls. Through the casement on his right moonlight divided the opposite wall into bright lozenges. The Hero felt a sense of peace. He walked under an archway into a second chamber. Here, dark, heavy furniture was draped with cobwebs. What, thought the Hero, haunts this house except an air of charming serenity? . . . Then he heard the Groan.

He stood still, listening. His sense of peace vanished. Above his heart-beats came another sound—the moan of a soul in agony. It was only after a long minute that the spell was broken and the Hero regained full control of his limbs. Without hesitating, he rushed in the direction of the doorway. At every step he heard the pursuing demons grow in number as they closed in on their victim with fiendish yells. An apparition loomed up before him, a white, unearthly face. Had they cut off his retreat? The Hero lashed out, determined to go down fighting . . . and almost smashed a huge mirror. He fell to the ground; then, by the tremulous light of a match he saw a young terrier abasing himself, after the manner of small dogs, in abject apology for having been fallen over. As the match burnt down to his fingers, the Hero rose and took up the wounded animal. Then he left the now silent house rejoicing and not a whit disappointed.

Such is the story of how the Hero won a wager and a friend; and from this little episode, in which the chief figure might have been one of us, let us learn that it is with fear and not with an easy courage that the hero faces his ordeal.

A. WITCHELL.

CORAL ISLAND

On that island long and low
See the waving grasses grow;
Amongst these grasses coarse and high
Slender palm-trees seek the sky,
While upon the calm lagoon
Lit only by a silver moon
The dark blue waters still and deep
Are resting like a weary child asleep.

The fading moon soft slips away
Yielding to the light of day.
That crimson ball glows in the skies,
The love-songs of the birds arise.
See along the sandy beach
As far away as eye can reach
The dark blue sky, the light blue sea,
Near which in memory I shall always be.

M. BOULTON.

MUSIC

It is pleasing to record that this year, on Speech Day, the Junior Choir were accompanied by A. Blunden in their two items, “Agincourt,” a 15th century traditional song, and “Come, Ever-smiling Liberty,” from Handel’s *Judas Maccabæus*; also that D. Klempoer gave a very good rendering of the Larghetto and Allegro from the Handel Violin Sonata in D major.

In December, the Junior Choir took part in a Festival of Carols, organised by Dr. Leslie Russell, the County Music Advisor, and again the Choir were able to provide their own accompanist.

During the Autumn Term, Dr. Russell gave a series of four illustrated talks on Music to the School, and in the Spring Term a large party of boys attended a lecture on, followed the next afternoon by a performance of, the Dvorak New World Symphony and Rachmaninoff’s Second Piano Concerto, played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra and Eileen Joyce, conducted by Dr. Russell.

The Musical Appreciation Group has met weekly during the school year, and its numbers were considerably swelled at the beginning of the Christmas term. The group now numbers over 30. Progress has been considerably hampered by the frequent indisposition of the radiogram. Nevertheless, a varied selection of music has been studied, including Tchaikovsky’s Fifth Symphony, Dvorak’s “New World” Symphony, and works by Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Grieg and Sibelius. A most popular programme consisted of records of dance music from English traditional Morris tunes to the ballet music of Manuel de Falla. On the whole, all members of the group have enjoyed thoroughly the varied programmes, and have, in fact, genuinely indulged in “musical appreciation.”

SCHOOL IN AUSTRIA

During the last year much has been heard of the new Education Act, and it may be of interest to compare conditions in England with those in Austria. I speak only of times before 1938: no doubt enough is known of Nazi education.

At the age of six, everybody goes to an elementary school, much as in England. At ten, all pupils take the entrance examination to a Gymnasium, that is, a Secondary or Grammar School. Successful candidates, after eight years, take a Matriculation Examination equivalent to the Higher Certificate over here. Unsuccessful candidates attend Higher Elementary Schools which they leave at any time after the age of fourteen.

School begins at 8 a.m. and lasts till nearly 1.0. There are five 50-minute periods, with a short break after each. Classes are held on Saturday mornings, but there is no afternoon school at all. There is more homework than in English schools, and it is of greater importance. The first ten minutes or so of each period are given up to the oral examination of two or three selected pupils’ homework. The results are just as important as written examinations, and the marks are recorded in the final report. Any pupil who fails to reach a satisfactory standard in any subject at the end of a year has to repeat the whole year’s work in that subject.

School rules are few, but strict. At the entrance of a master into any form room, the whole class has to stand up and cease talking—and again at the end of the lesson, when the master goes out.

There are no prefects. A log-book is kept for each form and any gross misbehaviour or breach of the rules is entered in it. First offenders are warned by the Headmaster; a second offence earns a detention; for a third offence the penalty is expulsion. Good conduct is as essential to a good report as high marks.

There are no games during school hours, but athletics are compulsory. Free afternoons provide ample opportunity for voluntary games. The usual sports in summer are football, tennis, swimming, mountaineering; and in winter ski-ing, sledging and skating.

All books and stationery are bought by the pupils, even in State schools. This at least made us take care of our books! Holidays are much the same as in England, except that there is usually a slightly longer break at Christmas, owing to the fine opportunities for winter sport.

H. NEUFELD.

PEACE

The top at last; I sink, exhausted, upon the grass verge on the summit of this cruel hill. Oh, but what a reward! Greedily I take in the beauty of this land of milk and honey, with its rivers of silver ribbon, diminutive farm buildings, microscopic animals, and, dissecting the panorama below, those typical English fields, guarded by hedges, which in spring are resplendent with blossom.

Smoke curls up from behind a copse, and the fragrant aroma from freshly-stacked hay causes the passer's nose to twitch; a sheepdog nudges the last sleepy sheep through the gate and regards the intruder with a malicious eye; a straw-haired yokel prods the remaining cow into its stall and languidly begins to milk . . . all is peaceful as the eye wanders from the ginger and tabby kittens playing in the hayloft to that ivy-covered tower on the opposite hill, over the guilty-looking wood which rears its branches in a vain attempt to hide the mossy glades and their dancing ferns. Yes, this is peace.

How pleasing are these steeply sloping meadows as my gaze wanders over them, past the genial brook which continues its gavotte down the hillside. Then it reaches the flat stretch of moorland, and its tune changes to a murmuring adagio as it meanders back and forth among the amber and scarlet gorse.

Here and there along the dusty roads a creaking sound betrays the presence of the Inn, which nestles back snugly amongst the enveloping trees. The wayside inn conjures up in my mind the tremendous fireplace, the stout oak benches and rustic tables, the smell of strong ale and woodsmoke, the sound of the countrymen's voices mingled with the soft thud of the darts, and the slither of shove-halfpenny discs. All is so placidly rural—so countrified. Yes, this indeed is peace.

STEPHEN GOWING.

THE UNKNOWN PLANET

On this planet bright and mystic,
Padded with red sward
And with ban-bush floored,
There is nothing realistic.

Here are trees choked up with creepers
Trailing to the ground;
And without a sound
As if not to waken sleepers
Stealthily over mucid mulch
Fabulous monsters glide
In search of food at eventide.

There are clumps of spear-grass
Casting shadows on the soil,
As the three moons sail past,
Weary of their latest toil.
Crystal fountains always flowing
Toss their waters to the breeze,
And around them ever growing
Are cool groves of zakse trees.

In the distance stretch blue hills
Where great rivers have their source,
And into them flow branching rills
Gurgling on their downward course.

All is one extensive garden,
Inscrutable to human eye,
And there grow gorgeous plants and flowers
Where birds and beasts have made their bowers
On this planet in the sky.

J. F. DAVIES.

THE STUDY OF HISTORY

To some people History is a dull word, suggesting a lesson that they do not care much about. But a little thought will show that we are all a part of history.

We are the result of history: a very great many people had to work, suffer and even die violently to give us benefits that are now so common as to pass almost unnoticed. Our ancestors had to fight hard to be allowed to get the knowledge which is now so easy to obtain and which is by some despised. Because of the long labours of other people, we have better health than our ancestors, and when we are ill we do not suffer so much. At one time only a few troubled about the pain of others, and they had to work hard in order to get their ideas accepted.

History tells us of all these pioneers, and of their struggles and adventures. Their failures and disappointments, too, are recorded; history tells us how, often, their work was completed only after several others had devoted their lives to it. Painters, musicians, scientists, architects, poets, politicians—history includes all these, telling us not only of their struggles but also of how they altered history itself.

History is the story of the energies and talents of mankind; it has survived the ruin of war, quarrels and ignorant misunderstandings. Thus it is worth while to devote some time to studying it, in order to find out how we came to be what we are, and to discover the reasons for so much of what is around us.

J. DANCE.

NONENTITIES

Slowly and surely, in a room lit by a solitary lamp, they strip, placing their clothes in neat piles. With infinite care they put on fresh clothes and adjust each garment carefully so that not a stitch is out of place; then they go over to the light, where the master hand is waiting. Here they receive grease, which is applied to their exposed flesh at the master hand's direction, and when he is satisfied they emerge from the light looking familiar yet strange. When all are ready they leave the room which contains their cast-off garments, and pass stealthily along shaded passages into a brightly-lit arena. Here vivid scenery makes them look natural and their greased limbs are more at home than oaks in a British forest.

Once in the arena, they stand still and survey the scene, until a swift creaking, as if of curtains being rapidly drawn, awakes them, and they become new people. No longer muffled movements and silent words, but decisive actions and loud, clear tones. With infinite pains and careful stress they weave and unweave plot and counterplot, until, their efforts finished, they turn and face the spellbound audience, which comes out of its reverie to applaud them to the rafters.

At last the final curtain falls, and the players return, weary, yet jubilant, to the room where they become once more—nonentities.

G. BARNETT.

SHIPS

Away they sail with the tide,
Breasting the billowing sea—
Big ships, little ships,
Food ships and warships,
All have a meaning to me.

On those ships are the sailors,
Braving the storms of the sea—
Good men, strong men,
Loyal men and true men,
From Captain to humble A.B.

Drake, Raleigh, Nelson,
Jellicoe—lords of the sea!
Timber walls, steel walls,
Sturdy walls, strong walls,
All these have made us free.

I. L. JONES.



THE LEFT-HANDER

A. ROSE.

SILENCE

Still and silent is the earth,
The people are all sleeping.
The cat is curled up on the hearth,
Through the panes the moon is peeping.
The clock is ticking in the hall,
The embers glitter, the shadows are tall—
Suddenly comes the clarion call,
Cock-a-doodle-doo!

RONALD ESLING.

ATHLETIC SPORTS STANDARD TIMES AND DISTANCES 1945.

| | Class I | Class II | Class III |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------|-----------|
| 100 Yards | 12 sec. | 13 sec. | 14 sec. |
| 220 Yards | 27 sec. | 29 sec. | 30 sec. |
| 880 Yards | 2 min. 25 sec. | — | — |
| High Jump | 4' 8" | 4' 3" | 3' 9" |
| Long Jump | 17' 6" | 14' 9" | 13' |
| Javelin | 115' | — | — |
| Shot | 45' | 34' | 30' |
| Discus | 95' | 65' | — |
| Hop, Step, and Jump | — | — | 27' |

(A Competitor who reaches the above standard in any event scores a point for his House towards the Championship.)

RECORDS

CLASS I

100 Yards.—R. Christie (1943), 11 1/5 sec.
220 Yards.—F. B. Jackson (1943), 24 1/5 sec.
Half-Mile.—F. Biggs (1942), 2 min. 12 sec.
High Jump.—J. H. V. Gecks (1937), 5' 6"
Long Jump.—P. Ford (1944), 20' 10".
Javelin.—P. Ford (1943), 138' 2".
Shot.—P. Ford (1943), 50' 10".
Discus.—W. H. Dyer (1940), 107' 7 1/2".

CLASS II

100 Yards.—G. Fuller (1937), 12 1/5 sec.
220 Yards.—P. Rolls (1944), 26 2/5 sec.
High Jump.—D. S. Palmer (1940), 4' 7 1/2".
Long Jump.—P. Ford (1939), 16' 5 1/2".
Shot.—D. F. W. Bridges (1944), 42' 4".
Discus.—D. F. W. Bridges (1944), 82'

CLASS III

100 Yards.—E. J. Packham (1939), 13 4/5 sec.
220 Yards.—P. J. Rolls (1942), 29 4/5 sec.
High Jump.—D. S. Palmer (1938), 4' 1".
Long Jump.—M. Ford, (1942), 14' 10".
Shot.—D. A. Lane (1944), 37' 6".
Hop, Step, and Jump.—D. Werrell (1942), 28' 8".

SPORTS 1944

The Sports Finals took place on July 21st, when Mrs. R. A. Aubrey Jones kindly presented the trophies and certificates.

RESULTS.

House Championship.—1. Hampden, 118½ points; 2. Herschel, 113½ points; 3. Milton, 93 points; 4. Gray, 65 points.
Individual Championship.—1. F. B. Jackson (Ha.), 19 points; 2. M. A. Basden (He.), 11 points; 3. H. Neufeld, 10 points; 4. J. H. Armstrong, 8 points.
Highest number of Points Gained for House.—Class II: J. G. C. Pilditch (Ha.), 17 points. Class III: P. J. Haisman (He), 17 points.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

CLASS I.

100 Yards.—1. F. B. Jackson (Ha.); 2. M. A. Basden (He.); 3. H. Neufeld (He.); 4. J. H. Armstrong (Ha.); 11 2/5 secs.
220 Yards.—1. F. B. Jackson (Ha.); 2. M. A. Basden (He.); 3. W. H. Smith (Ha.); 4. J. H. Armstrong (Ha.); 24 1/5 secs. *Record.*
High Jump.—1. F. B. Jackson (Ha.); 2. D. W. Egelstaff (He.); 3. J. P. Devonshire (Mi.); 4. M. A. Basden (He.); 4ft. 11in.
Long Jump.—1. F. B. Jackson (Ha.); 2. H. Neufeld (He.); 3. J. P. Devonshire (Mi.); 4. D. Eldridge (Ha.); 18ft. 8in.
Putting the Shot.—1. J. H. Armstrong (Ha.); 2. D. Elliott (He.); 3. P. R. Marler (Mi.); 4. F. B. Jackson (Ha.); 44ft. 3in.
Throwing the Javeline.—1. P. R. Marler (Mi.); 2. P. Wilkinson (Mi); 3. H. Neufeld (He.); 4. F. B. Jackson (Ha.); 137ft. 5in.
Throwing the Discus.—1. J. L. D. Bligh (Mi.); 2. H. Neufeld (He.); 3. D. Elliott (He.); 4. F. B. Jackson (Ha.); 98ft.
Relay.—1. Hampden (D. Eldridge, J. Q. Smith, W. H. Smith, J. H. Armstrong); 2. Herschel; 3. Gray; 4. Milton; 1 min. 52 2/5 secs.
Cross-Country.—1. Herschel; 2. Hampden; 3. Milton; 4. Gray. Individual results: 1. M. A. Basden (He.); 2. D. Eldridge (Ha.); 3. W. H. Laybourne (Ha.); 4. K. J. Beadle (Gr.); 28 mins. 24 secs.
Half-Mile.—1. D. C. Cameron; 2. P. B. May; 3. J. H. Armstrong; 4. D. Green; 2 mins. 24 2/5 secs.

OPEN EVENT.

Mile Handicap.—1. R. D. B. Bush (Ha.); 2. A. Webster (He.); 3. M. J. Waghorn (Gr.); 4. D. C. Cameron (He.); 5 min. 3 3/5 secs.

CLASS II.

100 Yards.—1. P. J. Rolls (He.); 2. J. G. C. Pilditch (Ha.); 3. N. J. Vidler (Mi.); 4. W. F. Bailey (Ha.); 12 3/5 secs. *Record.*
220 Yards.—1. P. J. Rolls (He.); 2. N. J. Vidler (Mi.); 3. J. G. C. Pilditch (Ha.); 26 2/5 secs. *Record.*
High Jump.—1. J. G. C. Pilditch (Ha.); 2. D. Butler (Ha.); 3. R. D. B. Bush (Ha.); 4. D. H. Powell (Mi.); 4ft. 5ins.
Long Jump.—1. B. H. Powell (Mi.); 2. T. A. Mash (Gr.); 3. D. F. W. Bridges (Mi.); 4. M. A. Ford (He.); 15ft. 6ins.
Putting the Shot.—1. D. F. W. Bridges (Mi.); 2. J. G. C. Pilditch (Ha.); 3. D. C. Cooper (Ha.) and M. A. Ford (He.); 42ft. 4in. *Record.*
Throwing the Discus.—1. D. F. W. Bridges (Mi.); 2. M. A. Ford (He.); 3. R. D. B. Bush (Ha.); 4. Sugars (Mi.); 82ft. *Record.*
Relay.—1. Milton (Powell, Bridges, S. Allen, Vidler); 2. Hampden; 3. Herschel; 4. Gray; 1 min. 28 4/5 secs.
Cross-Country.—1. Hampden; 2. Herschel; 3. Gray; 4. Milton. (Individual Results: 1. R. D. B. Bush (Ha.); 2. D. G. Werrell (He.); 3. R. W. Harris (Gr.); 4. J. G. C. Pilditch (Ha.); 18 min.



D. FIELD.

PLOUGHING



CLASS III. (Under 12 years 6 months.)

100 Yards.—1. R. G. Shelley; 2. Culverhouse; 3. Bailey; 4. Rees; 14 secs.
 220 Yards.—1. R. Griffiths; 2. Jarvis; 3. G. Burdett; 4. R. Buckland; 30 2/5 secs.
 100 Yards.—1. D. T. Anderson (Ha.); 2. I. L. Jones (Ha.); 3. P. J. Haisman (He.); 4. A. J. Lucas (Gr.); 14 secs.
 220 Yards.—1. D. T. Anderson (Ha.); 2. A. J. Lucas (Gr.); 3. G. D. White (Ha.); 4. R. T. Harding (Ha.); 30 2/5 secs.
 High Jump.—1. P. J. Haisman (He.); 2. D. Lane (Gr.); 3. A. J. Lucas (Gr.); 4. A. Mabbott (He.); 4ft.
 Long Jump.—1. C. T. Thomson (Mi.); 2. A. J. Lucas (Gr.); 3. P. J. Haisman (He.); 4. J. R. McDougall (Gr.); 14ft. 1in.
 Putting the Shot.—1. D. Lane (Gr.); 2. A. D. Akers (Mi.); 3. J. R. McDougall (Gr.); 4. I. Ferguson (Gr.); 37ft. 6in. *Record.*
 Hop, Step and Jump.—1. F. W. Brown (Gr.); 2. P. J. Haisman (He.); 3. A. Mabbott (He.); 4. I. Ferguson (Gr.); 26ft. 7in.
 Relay.—1. Herschel (Griffiths, Haisman, Mabbott, Shelley); 2. Hampden; 3. Gray; 4. Milton; 1 min. 1 3/5 secs.
 Cross-Country.—1. Herschel; 2. Milton; 3. Hampden; 4. Gray. (Individual results: 1. A. Webster (He.); 2. P. J. Haisman (He.); 3. D. Jarvis (Mi.); 4. R. Griffiths (He.); 7 min.

SWIMMING SPORTS 1944

The Swimming Sports were held at the Social Centre Bath on Friday, July 14th. The Individual Championship was won by Field, and the Inter-House Relay was won by Milton. The following are the results:-

CLASS III.

One Length Breast Stroke.—1. Haisman; 2. Webster; 3. L. Roberts. (Time: 33 3/5 sec.)
 One Length Free Style.—1. D. Rees; 2. L. Roberts; 3. Haisman. (Time: 31 3/5 sec.)
 Best Two Dives.—1. Porterfield; 2. Roberts; 3. Lee.

CLASS II.

One Length Free Style.—D. Werrell (no other entrants).
 One Length Breast Stroke.—1. Ford; 2. Catchpole; 3. Ayres. (Time: 26 3/5 sec.)

OPEN EVENTS (CLASS I).

200 Yards Free Style.—1. Field (no other competitors).
 100 Yards Free Style.—1. Field; 2. Bligh; 3. Cummins. (Time: 1 min. 27 3/5 sec.)
 One Length Free Style.—1. Burnand; 2. Field; 3. Neufeld. (Time: 23 sec.)
 One Length Breast Stroke.—1. Field; 2. Neufeld; 3. Bligh. (Time: 24 1/5 sec.)
 One Length Back Stroke.—1. Neufeld; 2. Cummins; 3. Field. (Time: 31 3/5 sec.)
 Best Three Dives.—1. Marler; 2. Bruun; 3. Hanks.
 Life-Saving Race.—1. R. Burnand and J. Rees; 2. P. Scott and D. White; 3. Ford and Bruun. (Time: 47 2/5 sec.)
 Knock-out "Horseback" Tournament.—Junior: Powell and Young. Senior: Field and Bligh.
 Inter-House Relay Race.—1. Milton; 2. Gray.
 Individual Championship.—Champion: Field (12 points). Runner-up: Neufeld (6 points).

LIFE-SAVING

The Life-Saving Examination, held at the Social Centre Bath on July 20th, 1944, was the most successful the School has ever taken. All our candidates were successful, and our gratitude is once again due to Mr. Stanley, the County Swimming Instructor, for his patient and effective coaching. The list of awards is as follows:-
 First Bar to Bronze Medallion.—Marler and P. D. Scott.
 Bronze Medallion.—M. Ford.
 Intermediate Certificate and Bronze.—Tilley, Burnand, Fowler, Bruun, Neufeld, Sendell, D. White, W. Thwaite, R. Hall, J. Rees.
 Intermediate Certificate.—Lee and D. Pearce.

CRICKET 1944

FIRST ELEVEN.

Officials.—Captain: May; Vice-Captain: Guest; Committee: Rose, Jackson, Basden.
Team.—Bligh, Cameron, Guest, Rose, Jackson, May, Harker, Smith, Dewar, Basden, Egelstaff.

FIRST ELEVEN versus

Uxbridge, A, won. School 110 (Guest 42, Dewar 19). Uxbridge 47 (May 5-16, Egelstaff 4-9).
Egham, H, won. School 94 (Rose 36). Egham 91 (Egelstaff 3-19, May 3-28).
Wycombe, A, won. School 82-4 (Bligh 35, Rose 23). Wycombe 32 (May 7-4).
Ashford, A, drawn. School 68 (Bligh 15, May 12). Ashford 46-7 (Cameron 3-13, Egelstaff 4-19).
Windsor, A, won. Windsor 52 (May 4-6, Guest 3-14, Egelstaff 2-9). School 115-3 (Guest 40, Bligh 21).
Maidenhead, A, lost. School 86 (Rose 31, Guest 28). Maidenhead 96-4 (Cameron 1-9).
Egham, A, won. Egham 69 (May 5-20, Guest 2-11). School 82-5 (Rose 25 n.o., Bligh 14).
Windsor, H, lost. School 115-7 (Harker 48 n.o., Jackson 22). Windsor 116-9 (May 5-35).
Eton Upper Sixpenny, A, lost. Eton 158-4 (May 2-31). School 121 (Guest 37, Rose 17).
Uxbridge, H, won. School 123 (May 50, Rose 19). Uxbridge 48 (Cameron 7-25, May 3-18).
Slough Y.C., H, won. School 100-9 (May 59). S.Y.C. 27 (May 5-9, Cameron 5-17).
The Staff, won. Staff 104 (Mr. Wignall 35) (Cameron 4-29, May 2-12). School 123-4 (Bligh 50 n.o., May 20 n.o., Cameron 18).

The First Eleven had a very good season, winning eight and drawing one match out of twelve, being, on the whole, far too good for their opponents. The batting throughout the season was strong, Harker and May averaging over 20 runs an innings and Rose, Bligh and Guest all having an average in double figures. The attack, namely May, Cameron and Egelstaff, had sting, and deservedly took 90 wickets between them. Keen fielding paved the way to many victories, and Rose, behind the stumps, and Basden, who held 9 catches, should be especially mentioned for the parts they played.

The annual fixture with the Staff again proved a great attraction. Mr. Wignall batted well for his 35, and Mr. Mairs had a lively knock, hitting 6 fours in less than three overs. The First Eleven batting, however, was too forceful, and they won comfortably.

At the end of the season, Rose, Cameron and Jackson were awarded full colours. Bligh gained his second half, and Guest and May were re-awarded colours.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Officials.—Captain: White.

Team.—Devonshire, Wilkinson, Foreman, Bagge, Allen, White (Captain), Green, Morgan, Taylor, January, Stevenson and Baigent.

SECOND ELEVEN versus

Uxbridge, H, won. Uxbridge 83 (Foreman 2-1, Green 2-4, Wilkinson 2-12). School 92-7 (Wilkinson 21, Allen 15, Green 15).
Wycombe, A, lost. School 36. Wycombe 58-4 (Foreman 1-5, Wilkinson 1-7).
Egham, A, lost. School 78-7 (Harker 38 n.o., January 13). Egham 84-7 (Green 4-29, Taylor 1-2).
Wycombe, H, lost. School 61 (Harker 25 n.o., January 12). Wycombe 74-4 (Foreman 1-9).

The Second Eleven started the season badly, losing four out of five matches, although two of these were by small margins. The team then settled down and won the next six matches, bringing the season to a fine end. Batting was good, and frequent bowling changes never allowed opposing batsmen to settle down.

FOOTBALL 1944

Officials.—Captain: Jackson; Vice-Captain: W. H. Smith; Committee: Cameron, Baigent, Harker.

Team.—Beadle; Baldwin (or Foreman), Culling; Cameron, Smith, Jackson; Sugars, Baigent, Ridgway, Harker and Ambrose.

The First Eleven had an unfortunate season, winning one match and drawing four of the ten played. This was perhaps due, to a large extent, to the absence of their captain, Jackson, for most of the term, and to numerous team changes. However, the team played good football, both in attack and defence, and merited more victories. The finest performance was against their most formidable opponents, Tenison's, whom they beat, deservedly, 4-2.

2nd Eleven Team.—Rose; Foreman, Wilkinson; Marler, Laybourne, Green; Bagge, Smart, Coe, Butler and Morgan.

The Second Eleven lost only one match, against Egham, whom they decisively beat 6-1 in the return game.

The Third Eleven shaped well in the few games they played.

| | 1st XI. | 2nd XI. | 3rd XI. |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| v. Old Pals | Lost 1-7 | | |
| v. Uxbridge | Drawn 2-2 | Drawn 5-5 | Won 3-2 |
| v. Wycombe | Drawn 2-2 | Won 1-0 | v.LVS Drawn 1-1 |
| v. Maidenhead | Lost 3-5 | Drawn 3-3 | v.LVS Lost 1-2 |
| v. Wycombe | Drawn 2-2 | Won 4-1 | |
| v. R.A.F. | Lost 2-4 | | |
| v. Maidenhead | Drawn 2-2 | Won 9-1 | |
| v. Egham | Lost 0-5 | Lost 4-6 | |
| v. Tenison's | Won 4-2 | | |
| v. Egham | Lost 0-2 | Won 6-1 | |

FOOTBALL 1945

Officials.—Captain: Smith; Vice-Captain: Baigent; Committee: Ridgway, Cameron, Harker.

Team.—Smart; Harker, Culling; Marler, Smith, Cameron; Sugars, Baigent, Ridgway, Green, Ambrose.

The First Eleven only played a few games this term, and were again unfortunate, only winning one of them.

2nd Eleven Team.—Cooper; Foreman, Wilkinson; Field, Laybourne, Werrel; Bagge, Bush, Mash, Coe, Murgatroyd.

The Second Eleven was again successful, only losing one match, and that by a single goal margin, against Egham (away).

The Third Eleven won both the matches they played.

| | 1st XI. | 2nd XI. | 3rd XI. |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| v. Wycombe | Lost 3-5 | Drawn 1-1 | |
| v. Egham | Won 2-1 | Won 3-1 | Won 2-1 |
| v. Tenison's | Lost 2-4 | Won 3-2 | |
| v. Wycombe | Lost 0-2 | Won 4-1 | |
| v. Egham | Drawn 1-1 | Lost 2-3 | Won 5-1 |

The Six-a-Side Tournament was again arranged, and Ambrose's team met Harker's team in the final to win by 1 corner (1 point) to nil.

The winners were: Jenkins, Evans, Steinberg, Smart, Vidler and Ambrose.

UNDER 14 FOOTBALL

Considerable keenness has been shown by the junior football section during the past season, and in the Spring Term eight matches were played, two against Egham, Latymer Upper, Manor Park and Ragstone Road Schools. Two were lost, one drawn and five won.

It is hoped and expected that the experience gained in these games will be felt in about two years' time, when some of the under-fourteen "stalwarts" will be found in the ranks of the First Eleven.

HOUSE NOTES

GRAY.

SUMMER TERM 1944.

Officials.—Captain: Head; Vice-Captain: D. Morgan; Secretary: B. Severn.

CRICKET. Final Position 4th.

A rather disappointing term, despite individual progress.

| | Seniors | IV's | III's | II's |
|-------------|---------|------|--------------------|-------|
| v. Hampden | Lost | Lost | L. (Crewe 6 for 1) | Drawn |
| v. Herschel | Lost | Lost | Won | Lost |
| v. Milton | Won | Lost | Lost | Drawn |
| Positions | 3rd | 4th | 4th | 4th |

AUTUMN TERM 1944.

Officials.—Captain: B. Severn; Vice-Captain: R. Hurn; Secretary: D. Morgan.

FOOTBALL. Final Position 3rd.

Again an unhappy term, brightened only by the very successful results of the Fourth Forms. At the end of this term we were sorry to lose Beadle, who, in addition to achieving fame as the First Eleven's goalkeeper, led the Fourth Forms to win all their matches.

| | Seniors | IV's | III's | II's |
|-------------|---------|------|-------|------|
| v. Hampden | Lost | Won | Lost | Lost |
| v. Herschel | Lost | Won | Lost | Won |
| v. Milton | Lost | Won | Won | Lost |
| Positions | 4th | 1st | 3rd | 3rd |

SPRING TERM 1945.

Officials.—Captain: B. Severn; Vice-Captain: R. Hurn; Secretary: D. Morgan.

FOOTBALL. Final Position 3rd.

| | Seniors | IV's | III's | II's |
|-------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| v. Hampden | Lost | Lost | Lost | Drawn |
| v. Herschel | Won | Won | Lost | Won |
| v. Milton | Not Played | Drawn | Lost | Lost |

CROSS COUNTRY.—Although Gray did badly, Hurn was first home in the Senior Race in 26 mins. 56 secs.—a School record.

SWIMMING SPORTS.—Gray came first, Field winning the individual race and contributing a great many points.

Although Gray has suffered a depression during the war years, it is hoped, from henceforth, it will regain its former glory in House Competition.

HAMPDEN.

SUMMER TERM 1944.

Officials.—Captain: F. B. Jackson; Vice-Captain: W. H. Smith; Secretary: G. P. T. Crannigan; Committee: Armstrong, Cummins.

CRICKET.

| | Seniors | IV's | III's | II's |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|
| Seniors | Won 2 | Drawn 1 | Lost 0 | 5 Points 1st |
| IV's | Won 3 | Drawn 0 | Lost 0 | 6 Points 1st |
| III's | Won 3 | Drawn 0 | Lost 0 | 6 Points 1st |
| II's | Won 1 | Drawn 1 | Lost 1 | 3 Points 2nd |

ATHLETIC SPORTS.—For the sixth year the House held the championship. Our Captain, F. B. Jackson, was the individual champion. He entered for seven events and won four of them! J. Pilditch was intermediate champion. The House will have to work hard, however, to hold their exalted position.

At the end of this term we were sorry to lose our Secretary, G. P. T. Crannigan, to the Royal Marines. Armstrong, who, besides doing well on the sports and athletics field, won a County Major Scholarship, is now studying medicine at King's College. J. A. Smith left us to join the R.A.C.

AUTUMN TERM 1944.

Officials.—Captain: F. B. Jackson; Vice-Captain: W. H. Smith; Secretary: D. A. White; Committee: Cummins.

FOOTBALL.

| | Seniors | IV's | III's | II's |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|
| Seniors | Won 2 | Drawn 1 | Lost 0 | 5 Points 1st |
| IV's | Won 0 | Drawn 0 | Lost 3 | 0 Points 4th |
| III's | Won 1 | Drawn 2 | Lost 0 | 4 Points 2nd |
| II's | Won 1 | Drawn 1 | Lost 1 | 3 Points 2nd |

The House suffered greatly at the end of this term; we lost our popular Captain, F. Barry Jackson, who has helped the School and House in such great measure. He has been in the School First Football Eleven since 1942, and the Cricket Eleven since 1943, and has successfully captained the House for four terms. He will soon be joining the army—Good Luck, Barry! Cummins joined the navy during the term.

SPRING TERM 1945.

Officials.—Captain: W. H. Smith; Vice-Captain: E. Foreman; Secretary: D. A. White; Committee: E. Baigent.

FOOTBALL.

| | Seniors | IV's | III's | II's |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|
| Seniors | Won 3 | Drawn 0 | Lost 0 | 6 Points 1st |
| IV's | Won 1 | Drawn 1 | Lost 1 | 3 Points |
| III's | Won 3 | Drawn 0 | Lost 0 | 6 Points 1st |
| II's | Won 0 | Drawn 1 | Lost 2 | 1 Point 4th |

CROSS COUNTRY.

Class I.—The Seniors did very well in this race, our sixth man being sixteenth. Laybourn 2nd, Scott 3rd, Eldridge 5th, Bush 8th. We had a total of only 45 points, giving us first place.

Class II.—Although Gregory won first place in this race for us, the rest of the team did not do so well, the sixth man was thirty-third! Gregory 1st, next man 11th. A total of 114 points placed us fourth.

Class III.—A similar result to the Class II race. S. Jones gave us first place, but the other runners did not back him up enough. Only four finalists counted. Our fourth man was seventeenth. S. Jones 1st, next man 11th; 42 points placed us 3rd.

Final position in all classes: 3rd, with 7 points.

D. A. W.

SUMMER TERM 1944.

HERSCHEL.

Officials.—Captain: P. May; Vice-Captain: D. Cameron; Secretary: W. Warr; Committee: M. A. Basden.

CRICKET.

| | Seniors | IV's | III's | II's |
|------------|---------|------|-------|------|
| v. Milton | Won | Won | Lost | Lost |
| v. Hampden | Drawn | Lost | Lost | Won |
| v. Gray | Won | Won | Lost | Won |
| Position | 1st | 3rd | 4th | 1st |

Final House position for Cricket: 2nd.

AUTUMN TERM 1944.

Officials.—Captain: D. Cameron; Vice-Captain: D. Green; Secretary: H. Neufeld; Committee: A. Rose.

FOOTBALL.

| | Seniors | IV's | III's | II's |
|------------|---------|------|-------|-------|
| v. Milton | Lost | Lost | Won | Lost |
| v. Hampden | Lost | Won | Drawn | Drawn |
| v. Gray | Won | Lost | Won | Lost |
| Position | 3rd | 3rd | 1st | 4th |

Final House position for Football: Tied 3rd with Gray.

SPRING TERM 1945.

Officials.—Captain: D. Cameron; Vice-Captain: D. Green; Secretary: H. Neufeld; Committee: A. Rose.

FOOTBALL.

| | Seniors | IV's | III's | II's |
|------------|---------|-------|-------|------|
| v. Milton | Drawn | Lost | Won | Lost |
| v. Hampden | Lost | Drawn | Lost | Won |
| v. Gray | Lost | Lost | Won | Lost |

Final House position for Football: 4th.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

Seniors.—Position: 2nd.

Intermediate.—Position: 1st.

Juniors.—Position: 2nd.

Final House position: 1st.

The House put up a good show in Sports, being second to Hampden by 113½ points to 118½.

Our football team has suffered from the loss of our Captain, P. May, also the School Football Captain, and M. A. Basden and D. Egelstaff, also First Eleven members. We wish them good luck.

The House was very successful in the cross-country races, gaining first place in the final position.

H. N.

MILTON.

SUMMER TERM 1944.

Officials.—Captain: D. J. Dewar; Vice-Captain, R. Guest; Secretary: P. R. Marler; Committee: J. Bligh.

CRICKET.

| | Seniors | IV's | III's | II's |
|-------------|--------------|------|-------|-------|
| v. Gray | Lost 18-78 | Won | Won | Drawn |
| v. Hampden | Lost 47-55-9 | Lost | Lost | Lost |
| v. Herschel | Lost 33-52-3 | Lost | Won | Won |
| Points | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Position | 4th | 3rd | 3rd | |

Final position: 3rd.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

The House did fairly well here, easily winning the Inter-House Relay.

Notable leavers at the end of term were R. Guest and J. Bligh.

AUTUMN TERM 1944.

Officials.—Captain: P. R. Marler; Vice-Captain: E. Ridgway; Secretary: F. C. Mousley; Committee: J. Devonshire, C. Ambrose.

FOOTBALL.

| | Seniors | IV's | III's | II's |
|-------------|------------|----------|-------|----------|
| v. Gray | Won 4-0 | Lost 1-2 | Lost | Won 2-0 |
| v. Hampden | Drawn 1-1 | Won | Drawn | Won 4-1 |
| v. Herschel | Won 2-0 | Won 5-4 | Lost | Won 11-1 |
| Points | 5 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| Position | 1st (tied) | 2nd | 4th | 1st |

On adding up the group points it was found that the House had had a very successful season, being first, with 11½ points. The former Captain, D. J. Dewar, left just after the term began, in order to attend a short University Course for the Royal Navy.

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FOOTBALL.

| | Seniors | IV's | III's | II's |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|----------|
| v. Gray | Won | Drawn 0-0 | Won | Won |
| v. Hampden | Lost 0-3 | Won | Lost | Won 8-1 |
| v. Herschel | Drawn 2-2 | Won | Lost | Won 10-0 |
| Points | 3 | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| Position | 2nd | 3rd | — | 1st |

Milton were against first with 13 points.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

We did badly in the Senior run, finishing fourth. Intermediates were second and the Juniors first.

F. C. M.

